4413 (3)

~~Mr Morley~~
~~Mr Martin~~
LIBRARY

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF FARNHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

For The Year Ended

31st December, 1962,

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FARNHAM

1962

Public Health Committee

Councillor Lt. Col. A.A. Mains (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. A.H. Fulton (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor F.E.G. Brockway, F.I.O.B.
Councillor H.S. George, C.I.E., M.A.
Councillor E.R. Gudge, J.P., (Chairman of the Council)
Councillor E.A. Hall
Councillor Mrs. W.O. Manning, B.A.
Councillor Major H.C. Patrick, D.L.
Councillor V.C. Rowe
Councillor B.S. Stratford, M.A., Ph.D.

Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health:
(Part-time)

F. Bedo Hobbs, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H.,

Chief Public Health Inspector:

P. G. Tremain, M.A.P.H.I.,

Additional Public Health Inspector:

C. Webber, C.S.I.B.,

Clerical Staff:

S. J. Collett

Miss B.M. Wills

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1962

Telephone -
Farnham 5222

Public Health Department,
Brightwell Gardens,
East Street,
Farnham,
Surrey.

October, 1962.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Farnham.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my first annual report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1962.

This Report is prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health Circular 1/63.

During 1962 your Medical Officer of Health was Dr. Hobbs who retired on 31st December after 34 years service.

The health of the district remained good and the statistics compare favourably with the country as a whole. The POPULATION of the Urban District as estimated by the Registrar General is 27,520, this being an increase of 490 over the previous year. The high increase in population in 1961 of 1,220 has thus not been sustained, but the present figure is well above the average of previous years and is a very healthy sign. Another interesting feature is that the BIRTH RATE is higher than last year, while the DEATH RATE is the lowest recorded for 10 years.

As in previous years the principal causes of death were Diseases of the Heart and Circulation, Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System, Cancer of the Lung, Bronchitis and Pneumonia. An increase in the number of deaths due to accidents on the roads and other causes is disturbing since this means that lives are being lost through causes which should be preventable.

The number of cases of venereal conditions remains high in common with the rest of the country.

Hospital facilities are still inadequate for the needs of the district particularly for mothers and babies. Increased accommodation for maternity cases is urgently required. In its present form the Scheme for Farnham Hospital envisages the building of a new two storey block of about 64 beds and the adapti n of existing accommodation to provide a second operating theatre, a new X-ray department and an enlarged obstetric unit. It is likely that the obstetric unit will have approximately 20 beds in place of the existing 10. There will also be additional residential works and stores accommodation and the Nurses'

Education Department will be extended.

However a decision on the site of the new District General Hospital has not yet been announced by the Ministry. When the location is known, the necessity for hospital provision in this area will have to be reassessed in the light of this.

The various services provided at Hospitals, Clinics, etc., continue to operate successfully, ably assisted by the voluntary help given by many devoted persons, mostly women. We are indebted to them, as we are to the helpers who run the various voluntary organisations.

I would like to record the very excellent work carried out by the Chief Public Health Inspector, whose Annual Report is also included. The Chief Clerk, Mr. Collett earned the admiration of all by his quiet efficiency.

I wish to thank the Chairman of the Council, Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their assistance and consideration since I took up office.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

MARGARET POLLOCK,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The area of the Urban District of Farnham remains unchanged at 9,039 acres.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for 1962 is 27,520.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of March, 1962 was 8,990. There were also 234 shops and other business premises with dwellings, giving a total of 9,224. The number of houses owned by the Local Authority at the end of 1962 was 1,509.

The rateable value in 1962 was £515,005 and the sum produced by a penny rate was £2,061.

	Total	M.	F.
Live Births (legitimate)	425	233	192
Live Births (illegitimate)	18	6	12
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population		16.09	
Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Figure 1.0)		16.09	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of the total Live Births		4.1	
Still Births (legitimate)	5	2	3
Still Births (illegitimate)	0	0	0
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births		11.16	
Total Live and Still Births	448	241	207
Deaths	391	178	213
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population		14.2	
Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Figure 0.77)		10.93	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year -			
Legitimate	8	5	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year -			
All infants per 1,000 live births		18.06	
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		18.82	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		0.0	
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks -			
Legitimate	7	4	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births		15.8	

	Total	M.	F.
Deaths of Infants under 1 week -			
Legitimate	6	4	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Death Rate of Infants under 1 week per 1,000 live births		13.54	
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births		24.55	
Maternal Deaths	0	-	0
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births		-	

The classified causes of death are as follows:-

	M.	F.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	0
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	1	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
Measles	0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	15	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	19	17
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	0
Diabetes	0	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	24	43
Coronary Disease, Angina	29	18
Hypertension with Heart Disease	5	1
Other Heart Disease	24	46
Other Circulatory Disease	7	9
Influenza	2	4
Pneumonia	5	9
Bronchitis	10	5
Other Disease of Respiratory System ...	1	3
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	1	0
Nephritis and Nephrosis	0	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	0
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	0	0
Congenital Malformations	1	3
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ...	15	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	2
All Other Accidents	3	8
Suicide	1	3
Homicide and Operations of War	0	0
Total	178	213

1. The estimated mid-year population of Farnham has shown a rise of 490 over the figure for 1961. This scarcely matches the tremendous rise of 1,220 in 1961 but does show that the trend continues quite strongly.

2. The birth rate is higher than last year, while the death rate was the lowest recorded for ten years. The death rate for infants under one year is greatly reduced but in view of the small number involved, it is difficult to draw any conclusions from this.

3. It is satisfactory to note that there were no maternal deaths.

4. Unfortunately deaths due to accidents - both motor and others - have increased.

5. There were two deaths from tuberculosis, both elderly persons.

6. Deaths from lung cancer are seventeen, fourteen of whom were men, an increase of three on last year.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The following is a list of clinics and treatment centres:-

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.
The Institute, Rowledge - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.
The Village Hall, Wreccleshan - Every Monday, 2-4 p.m.
The Church Hall, The Green, Lower Bourne - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.
The Institute, Hale, - Every Friday, 2-4 p.m.
The Scouts' Hut, Badshot Lea - 1st and 3rd Mondays, 2-4 p.m.
The Village Hall, Weybourne - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.

School and Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays, 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Ante-Natal Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Wednesdays, 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. Every other Monday afternoon (by appointment only).

Chest Clinic

Northfield Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot - Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. 1st Friday in month, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. 2nd and 4th Fridays 2.30 p.m. Last Saturday in month 9.30 a.m.
Farnham Hospital - Alternate Mondays, 2 p.m.

Dental Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., and 1.30 - 5 p.m.

Speech Training Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Mondays, 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Ophthalmic Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - 2nd and 4th Fridays, 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Physiotherapy Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Child Guidance Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - Every Monday, 9 a.m. (by appointment only).

Family Planning Clinic

Farnham Hospital, Out Patient Department - Every Wednesday 6.30 p.m. (by appointment).

Cleansing Centre

Brightwell House, East Street, Farnham - when required.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The St. John Ambulance Brigade has had another very busy year with the largest mileage ever recorded.

The following figures show the types and numbers of cases dealt with:-

Type of Case	No. of Cases
Accidents	304
Emergency Illness	65
False Alarms	106
Maternity	132
Hospital Transport	1,678
Outpatients	4,367
Infectious Diseases	47
Transport from one private address to another	15
Helping patients in home	7
Private Cases	23
Total Mileage - 84,059	6,744

Voluntary duties occupied over 8,600 man hours between manning the station and attending at public occasions.

The Nursing Division had a busy year on public duties and escort work. Exact figures are not available.

The Cadets have put in much time and entnusiasm on training and have done very well with examination passes.

The Hospital Car Service handled 160 patients and covered over 1,700 miles. This is less than last year but only means that it was possible to combine the work with existing ambulance journeys. The Service remains an invaluable reinforcement to the normal Ambulance Service.

Work has started on the new Headquarters building and it will be in service in 1963.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

THE WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES

This is Mrs. Addison's first full year as Centre Organiser. The activities of the W.V.S. are as varied and valuable as ever, as the following notes will show:-

Darby and Joan Clubs

The arrangements are unchanged. The high level of attendance speaks for their popularity.

The Gostrey Club

This is still in the hut in Gostrey Meadow but the appeal to build new premises is progressing well.

Lunch now costs 1/9d and some 40-50 people take it on Tuesdays and 70-80 on Fridays.

Meals-on-Wheels

These are still provided four days a week at a cost of 1/6d.

Night Attendance Scheme

There is a real need for this, as evidenced by the number of applications. The difficulty, as previously, is to find suitable attendants.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Dr. Jeanne Scriven sends the following report on the Welfare Activities of Farnham Division:-

Visiting

508 visits have been paid and the department has been fortunate in securing the services of a few more Visitors.

Transport

Approximately 30 runs have been done which is slightly fewer than last year.

Escort

The demand for escort work has slackened off and only three journeys have been made.

Mobile Library

There have been numerous gifts to the library and the usual exchange of books with Guildford has continued. All books have been issued.

Trolley Shop

Another very successful year at the Farnham Hospital has been experienced with an even greater variety of stock. Our loyal band of helpers still turn up regularly and enjoy the work immensely.

Forget-Me-Not-Club

The Club has met regularly throughout the year with the exception of September. The usual Summer Outings took place and the membership is now approximately 54.

Good Fellowship Club

Membership is up from 23 to 30 approximately. The stall at the Bourne Flower Show made a record amount and the small Members' Sale in December was both profitable and popular. One Instructor has been ill, and the Club has fortunately obtained the services of another. The Summer Outings and the Christmas Party were both very much enjoyed.

S.O.S. SERVICE

Miss Olive Christie reports on the Service as follows:-

The S.O.S. Service which has been helping where ever possible to alleviate loneliness in and around Farnham has welcomed several

new members during the last year, and our numbers now stand at 36. There has been nothing spectacular to report - the weekly or fortnightly visiting of blind, partially sighted or house-bound people has gone on regularly, together with shopping and car drives, and the undertaking of any small emergency job which may turn up. The work proves very rewarding both to the visitor and the visited, and many real friendships have resulted.

HOME HELP SERVICE

The Service continues to provide the domestic assistance in homes of illness in the Farnham area. An average of 65 cases are attended each week. The Helps continue to give their valuable service to the patients needing their help. There are 22 Helps enrolled but recruitment of more staff is very difficult now, due to the industrial firms in the locality absorbing the labour available.

Dirty Money

The County Health Committee at its meeting on the 26th June, 1962, authorised the following special payment to be made from 1st September, 1962:

(a) 10/- for an initial clean-up of neglected or filthy premises.

(b) A plus rate of 4d per hour for the continued cleaning and care of premises where the normal standard of cleanliness is low or conditions are sub-standard.

These considerations have helped when dealing with "Dirty Cases" when these are brought to our notice.

Neighbourly Help Scheme

Although every effort is made to recruit neighbours for this Scheme, only two have been recruited to date, as most women are employed elsewhere.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Doris Tong has taken over as Hon. Secretary of the Farnham Branch in place of Mrs. E.D. Krish.

The Branch has now completed its sixth year. The Clinic has continued to grow and the weekly Clinic Sessions are very well attended - in fact, it is sometimes difficult to fit in all the patients. The appointments system has proved very successful and helps for the smooth running of the Clinic. The appointments system refers to the date only and not to the time of the appointment.

This year there have been slightly fewer new patients and pre-maritals, but rather more patients have been transferred from other areas.

Patients continue to be varied in type - coming for planning of their families; treatment of sub-fertility and for pre-marital education and advice. Co-operation between general practitioners in the area and the Clinic continues to be very good. Patients are also helped with marriage problems and to give them a little extra time, a special appointment is arranged either at the beginning or end of the Clinic.

The medical side of the Clinic runs smoothly under Dr. Olive Hurford assisted by one trained Family Planning Association nurse and

two nurses from the St. John Ambulance Brigade. In other respects the staffing of the Clinic is undertaken by an enthusiastic band of voluntary lay workers. Particular mention should be made of Mrs. E. Lauderback the Hon. Clinic Secretary, who is quite tireless in her work.

THE ELDERLY

The Old People's Welfare Committee is well established and has done excellent work in co-ordinating the various activities in this field.

A training course for voluntary workers was held and was well attended.

A local tradesman gave a supply of firewood for distribution during the winter.

By the end of the year 367 Old Age Pensioners had returned the cards which were sent out in an attempt to compile a register.

HOSPITALS

Pressure on the Farnham hospitals continues to be heavy. Long-term plans are still awaiting a Ministry decision on the site of the new district general hospital.

There are, however, plans almost in the final stage for extension of Farnham Hospital itself. This is likely to provide an extra 64 beds for general use; an enlarged obstetric unit and improvement in other facilities.

A few figures for the year were:-

Out Patients	24,263
In Patients	4,333
Casualties	13,397
Maternity	470

The number of maternity cases continues to rise and underlines the pressing need for provision of more maternity beds in the district. All the other figures show increases on last year.

Trinners Hospital

Continues to work closely with Farnham Hospital to relieve the pressure on beds.

Green Lane Hospital

As before, the chronic wards are always full. The infectious block has been only moderately busy.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of notifiable infectious diseases which occurred in 1962:-

Infectious Disease	Scarlet Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Dysentery	Meningo-coccal Infection	Pneumonia	Measles	Whooping Cough	Encephalitis
At all ages	3	4	3	1	7	25	2	1
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
2 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
3 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-
4 - 5	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
5 - 10	2	-	-	1	2	12	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1
35 - 45	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Cases Admitted to Hospital	-	4	1	1	-	1	-	1
Total Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MEASLES

As expected, there were few cases. Measles follows a bi-annual trend and 1961 was an epidemic year.

PNEUMONIA

There were seven cases, against one in 1961. Five of the patients were aged 45 upwards and four of these cases occurred in August - perhaps a sad commentary on the "English summer".

SCARLET FEVER

Incidence continues to decline. It is mostly a mild disease nowadays and complications are rare.

WHOOPING COUGH

Since vaccination against whooping cough was commenced eight years ago, there are signs of a decline in incidence and severity of this disease.

ENCEPHALITIS

One case occurred, as a sequel to mumps.

IMMUNISATION

Against Diphtheria

The number of children immunised against diphtheria during 1962 was as follows:-

Age Group	Primary	Boosting
Under 5	410	84
5 - 14	10	45
Total	420	129

Against Whooping Cough

The numbers immunised against whooping cough during 1962 were as follows:

Age Group	Primary	Boosting
Under 5	394	77
5 - 14	6	19
Total	400	96

Against Tetanus

The numbers immunised against tetanus during 1962 were as follows:-

Age Group	Primary	Boosting
Under 5	416	81
5 - 14	16	37
Total	432	118

Owing to pressure of other work it was not possible to arrange for boosting sessions to be held in the schools. A good deal was done in the Welfare Clinics and parents were encouraged to take children there. Public awareness of the value of anti-tetanus immunisation is growing and is leading to increasing demand.

Against Poliomyelitis

The numbers who have been immunised are set out below in age groups:-

Persons receiving a complete course

Born in 1962	49
Born in 1961	282
Born between 1943-60	404
Born between 1933-42	142
Born between 1922-32	407

Persons receiving 1st and 2nd doses

All ages	79

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years receiving a 4th dose

506

The number of children immunised is still about 95%.

Sabin oral vaccine was introduced during 1962. Some children who had started courses of Salk vaccine had Sabin for their final doses.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The number of vaccinations against smallpox carried out during 1962 was:-

Age Group	Vaccinated	Re-vaccinated
Under 1	292	0
1 year	24	0
2 - 4	32	17
5 - 14	146	457
15 and over	32	153
Total	526	627

The increase is due to requests received as a result of the outbreaks elsewhere in the country.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table gives particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from that disease during 1962:-

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
Total	5	3	-	1	2	-	-	-

The number of cases notified rose slightly (from 7 to 9). There were two deaths of elderly patients attributed to tuberculosis.

It is noteworthy that the new cases continue to occur in the older age groups.

VENEREAL DISEASES

The number of cases from the Farnham district attending the special clinics at Aldershot and Guildford during 1962 was as follows:-

	Syphilis	Gonorrhoea	Other Venereal Conditions
Males	0	0	8
Females	0	0	13
Total	0	0	21

It is satisfactory to note that there were no cases of syphilis or gonorrhoea. The "other conditions" do, however, reflect the increased amount of promiscuous sexual intercourse which has taken place in recent years.

Although the number are relatively small, it is depressing to record that the increase reported since 1959 shows no sign of abating.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following classified table is submitted of (a) the nature and number of inspections made during the year; (b) the total number of notices served; (c) the result of the service of such notices:-

(a) Number and Nature of Inspections made During the Year:-

Houses inspected under the Public Health Acts and Housing Acts	509
Re-visits paid to above houses	500
Water Supply	10
Verminous Premises	22
Drainage	315
Piggeries	4
Moveable Dwellings	56
Factories	245
Outworkers	2
Bakehouses	43
Refuse Disposal	9
Rats and Mice (By Public Health Inspectors)	141
Atmospheric Pollution	36
Schools	34
Shops Inspected under the Shops Act, 1950	108
Pet Shops	2
Infectious Disease Prevention	21
Butchers	76
Fishmongers and Poulterers	16
Grocers	259
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	21
Dairies and Milk Distributors	91
Ice-cream Premises	31
Food Preparing Premises	12
Market Stalls	14
Restaurants	53
Licensed Premises	66
Mobile Food Vans	12
Food and Drugs Sampling	79
Milk Sampling	147
Ice-cream Sampling	14
Swimming Bath Water Sampling	38
Public Conveniences	355
Miscellaneous	160

(b) Total Number of Notices Served 85

(c) Results of Notices:-

(1) Preliminary Notices -

(a) Complied with	77
(b) Work not commenced	7
Total	84

(2) Statutory Notices -

(a) Complied with	0
(b) Work commenced but not completed	1
Total	1

In addition to the above, one Statutory Notice and six preliminary notices not complied with at the end of 1961 were complied with during 1962.

HOUSING

(a) General

Again, during the year under review I have to report that difficulties have been experienced in finding builders willing to undertake repair work to the older type properties, and in a number of cases there has been considerable delay before work requested in notices has been completed.

It is understood that where owners of this type of property are quite willing to do repairs the same difficulty is being found. This is regrettable as, unless these properties are properly maintained, in a few years time it may be found necessary to adopt slum clearance procedure.

(b) Improvement Grants

Forty-eight properties have been visited in connection with applications for Improvement Grants. In addition to these, there have been meetings with owners, builders, estate agents, etc., at properties in the district to discuss informally the possibilities of grant aid being obtained.

(c) Rent Act, 1957

There have been no applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of this Act.

(d) Slum Clearance

Steady progress has been made with regard to slum clearance work and it can be now said that the worst of the sub-standard properties have been dealt with.

During the year under review, following action by the Council, seventeen houses were demolished, eight Closing Orders made and three undertakings not to re-let were accepted.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

One hundred and eight inspections were made under the provisions of this Act. In some cases it was found necessary to draw the attention of the shopkeeper to the necessity of displaying the prescribed notices.

The provisions of this Act relating to Sunday Trading are very difficult to administer and, with new trading trends, it is hoped that these provisions will be reviewed. The fact that mobile shops are exempt from these trading restrictions has caused dissatisfaction amongst many of the occupiers of small general stores.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Two new blocks of conveniences were opened, one in the Central Car Park and the other in The Hart Car Park. The conveniences in the Central Car Park have wash and brush-up facilities with hot water available and there is a lady attendant on duty during the day.

It is hoped that in the near future a further new block of conveniences will be built in South Street and the old unsatisfactory ones closed.

SWIMMING BATHS

Throughout the summer months regular sampling of swimming bath water took place. Samples were obtained from the Council's own swimming baths and also from baths at private schools and Woodlarks Camp.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are two licensed pet shops in the district. They mainly deal in cage birds and fish, although one does handle tortoises, mice, etc.

The premises were kept under supervision and maintained in a satisfactory condition.

FACTORIES

The following tables give details of the administration of the Factories Act, 1961, during the year:-

1. Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (Non-Mechanical)	5	5	0	0
Factories (Mechanical)	122	224	4	0
Other Premises	16	16	0	0
Total	143	245	4	0

2. Number of Cases in which Defects were Found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H. M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions
Unsuitable Sanitary Conveniences	13	10	0	5	0

3. Outworkers

The only notification received has been in respect of one outworker engaged in assembling electrical components.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

At the end of the year the number of site licences in operation in the district was fifteen. With the exception of one site for six caravans, these are all in respect of individual caravans.

RODENT AND PEST CONTROL

One rodent operative is employed by the Council, who carries out other insect pest control when required. He also helps with work in connection with drain testing, etc.

Details of the rodent control work carried out during the year are summarised as follows:-

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority	Dwelling-houses	Business & Industrial	Agricultural	Total
1. No. of Premises Inspected	13	888	384	51	1,336
2. No. of Premises Found to be Infested by Rats	7	341	23	26	397
3. No. of Premises Found to be Infested by Mice	1	38	13	4	56
4. No. of Premises Treated by Rodent Operative	8	364	36	22	430
5. No. of Visits (Treatment and Inspections, etc.) - 4,335.					

In addition to this work, the test baiting of sewers in the St. Cross Area was undertaken and I am glad to report that no evidence of rat infestation was found.

WASPS

During the year requests were received for the destruction of nineteen wasps nests, of which fifteen on private property were destroyed at the Council's standing charge of 15/- per nest. Two were destroyed on premises for which annual contracts for pest control are held by the Council and the other two, being in inaccessible positions on private premises, could not be destroyed.

OTHER INSECT PESTS

Eight premises were treated on a re-chargeable basis, at the request of occupiers, for the extermination of flies, cockroaches and fleas.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

During the hop picking period all the farms employing seasonal workers were visited, and in some cases it was necessary to draw the farmer's attention to the unsatisfactory sanitary arrangements.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Following an approach by the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research requesting this Council to participate in a National survey dealing with the measurement of atmospheric pollution, a combined Smoke Filter and Volumetric Sulphur Dioxide measuring apparatus was installed in the attic of the Housing Department in Union Road. Daily readings are being made and the results sent to the Warren Spring Laboratory.

OIL HEATERS REGULATIONS, 1962

During the winter months eleven shops having oil heaters on sale were visited and no contravention of the Regulations was found.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Water is supplied by the Wey Valley Water Company. The water undertakers themselves submit samples for chemical examination quarterly and bacteriological examination weekly. The results of these samples continued to be satisfactory throughout the year.

There are known to be nine dwellinghouses in the district not served with a piped water supply.

Two samples of well water submitted for bacteriological examination were satisfactory.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service is under the control of the Engineer & Surveyor. A weekly collection is carried out throughout the district and controlled tipping has continued at the sandpit in Weydon Lane.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

I am indebted to the Engineer & Surveyor for the following report on work carried out in respect of sewerage and sewage disposal during 1962:-

1. Sewage Disposal Works

As a result of increased water consumption and population, the Works is now running at full capacity. The increase in population over the next ten years envisaged in the Town Map would mean that the Works would be seriously overloaded.

However, the Council have already instructed their Consulting Engineers to submit a preliminary report on future extension to the Works.

2. Bourne Valley Sewer

This sewer has become overloaded and requires to be substantially re-laid. A full report has been made and the work is likely to be put in hand during the year 1964-65.

3. Surface Water Drainage

(a) Hale Area

Work has commenced on the construction of an outfall sewer along Water Lane to the stream at Bourne Mill via the Bourne Mill Pond to deal with a substantial quantity of water from the Hale Area. An automatic sluice is to be constructed at Bourne Mill to deal with the wide variation in flow and to prevent further flooding of the road.

(b) Green Lane Area

Work is shortly to commence on the construction of a surface water sewer to deal with the surface water drainage of Green Lane, Greenfield Road, Greenhill Way, Thurbans Road, Little Green Lane and Cobbett's Way.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Six hundred and ninety-four visits were made to food shops, cafes, canteens, bakehouses, licensed premises, etc. It is this personal contact with food handlers which is most important in effecting improvements and maintaining satisfactory standards of preparation and handling of food. It is regretted that more time cannot be spent on routine inspection of premises where food is prepared or handled.

It is interesting to note that there has been a steady increase in the number of frozen food cabinets installed and towards the end of the year, during routine visits to food premises, special attention was paid to the condition and temperature maintained in these cabinets. Although there is no statutory control, it was found that in a large number of cases the temperature maintained was higher than that recommended for the keeping of frozen foods. In these cases, the shopkeeper's attention was drawn to this point and also to the necessity of defrosting when necessary. The National Association of Frozen Food Producers have issued a booklet setting out a code of practice and recommendations for the handling of quick frozen foods, and retailers are advised to obtain a copy of this booklet.

During visits to food shops it has, in a number of cases, been necessary to remind occupiers of their responsibilities under the provisions of the Merchandise Marks Act and Orders and in a number of cases explanatory leaflets have been issued.

The total number of food premises in the area is:-

Grocery and Provisions	66
Greengrocery	11
Butchers	21
Fishmongers	4
Fish Fryers	5
Bakers	13
Confectionery	28
Milk Distributors	2
Cafes and Restaurants	18
Licensed Premises	71
Factory and School Canteens	33
Egg Packing Station	1
Milk Pasteurising Plant	1
Vegetable Packing	2
Total	276

Included in the above figures are the following premises which are registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 :-

Storage and Sale of Ice-Cream	120
Manufacture of Sausages	15
Manufacture of Sausages and Preparation or Preservation of Food	7
Preparation or Preservation of Food	22
Total	164

ICE CREAM

There is no ice-cream made in the area, all the shops being supplied by one or other of the larger manufacturers.

Fourteen samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for Methylene Blue Testing; all the results were satisfactory.

One additional registration of premises for the sale of ice-cream was made during the year.

An interesting development is the introduction of soft ice-cream into this country. This commodity is manufactured in machines installed in the retail shop or vehicle and difficulties can arise unless the soft ice-cream machines are cleaned and sterilised before and after use. With the increase in the number of vehicles retailing this product, public health control over the cleaning and sterilising process is not an easy problem.

SLAUGHTERMEN'S LICENCES

Two slaughtermen's licences were issued during 1962.

GAME DEALERS

Ten licences to deal in game were issued.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are no slaughterhouses in the district.

MILK SUPPLY

At the end of the year there were in existence twenty-six Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk) Licences, one Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) Licence and one Dealer's (Tuberculin Tested) Licence. All these licences expire on the 31st December, 1965.

The only raw milk sold in the area is a small quantity of farm bottled tuberculin tested milk. A few retail shops sell sterilised milk but, in the main, pasteurised milk is retailed.

There is one H.T.S.T. pasteurising plantin the district from which samples were taken weekly and I am pleased to say that all these samples satisfied the prescribed tests.

The total number of samples obtained throughout the area was 147. These were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. A summary of the results is shown in the following table :-

Designation	No. of Samples Tested	Appropriate Tests	No. of Samples		
			Passed	Failed	Void
Pasteurised	71	Phosphatase	71	0	0
		Methylene Blue	68	1	2
Sterilised	1	Turbidity	1	0	0
Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised	72	Phosphatase	72	0	0
		Methylene Blue	66	3	3
Tuberculin Tested Farm Bottled	3	Methylene Blue	3	0	0

FOOD INSPECTION

In the main, unsound food is disposed of by burial at the Council's controlled tip, every effort being made to ensure that it is adequately covered. Now there are no slaughterhouse facilities in the district, no large quantities of diseased meat have to be dealt with.

Foods inspected and found unsound during the year were :-

Commodity	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef		2	2	20½
Pork			3	2½
Lamb		4	2	2
Veal			2	0½
Ham				9¾
Ox Offal		3	0	11¾
Pigs' Offal			3	11
Lambs' Offal				5
Canned Meat		4	3	20¼
Preserved Meat			1	2
Sausages			1	8
Bacon				12¼
Canned Steak & Kidney Pie				2
Wet Fish				25
Canned Fish				4¼
Canned Vegetables		11	0	17¾
Canned Fruit		6	3	27
Canned Fruit Juice				16½
Canned Jam				5
Butter			1	0
Flour				3
Canned Pie Filling				6¾
Canned Tomato with Rice				3¾
Canned Spaghetti				2½
Dried Fruit				2
Canned Rice				1¼
Canned Sugar Corn				1
Canned Mushrooms				1
Canned Chocolate Pudding				0¾
Coffee				0½
Total	1	17	1	1½

In addition, 1,562 cartons of frozen food, 157 tins of milk and cream, 80 tins of soup, 36 small chicken were inspected and found unsound.

It will be noticed that there was a large number of packets of frozen foods condemned. In each instance this was due to a refrigeration breakdown.

The list appears to be extensive for an authority of this size, but the major amount of unsound food is food rejected by a large food wholesaler in the town who handles considerable quantities of all kinds of foodstuffs.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

Mr. D.D. Moir, M.Sc., F.R.I.C., continued to act as Public Analyst to this authority and his help and guidance is much appreciated.

The following table gives a summary of the results of the total number of samples taken by your Inspectors during the year :-

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Irregular		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
Milk	40	2	42	1	-	1
Raspberries in Light Syrup	-	1	1	-	-	-
Minced Beef and Gravy	-	1	1	-	-	-
Jam	-	3	3	-	-	-
Lemon Curd	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pork Luncheon Meat	-	1	1	-	-	-
Curried Chicken and Mushrooms	-	1	1	-	-	-
Curried Beef and Mushrooms	-	1	1	-	-	-
Meat Paste	-	1	1	-	-	-
Processed Peas	-	2	2	-	-	-
Stuffed Veal and Ham Roll	-	1	1	-	-	-
Italian Peeled Tomatoes	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cake Mixture	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tomato Catsup	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pork Sausages	3	-	3	-	-	-
Beef Sausages	1	-	1	-	-	-
Fruit Sauce	-	1	1	-	-	-
Table Jelly	-	1	1	-	-	-
Whole Rice	-	1	1	-	-	-
Creamed Rice	-	1	1	-	-	-
Creamed Rice Milk Pudding	-	1	1	-	-	-
Flaked Rice	-	1	1	-	-	-
Orange Squash	2	-	2	-	-	-
Pilchards in Tomato	-	1	1	-	-	-
Quick Flan	-	1	1	-	-	-
Tomato Puree	-	1	1	-	-	-
Irish Stew	-	1	1	-	-	-
Peanut Butter	-	1	1	-	-	-
Fish Cakes	2	-	2	-	-	-
Gravy Powder	-	1	1	-	-	-
Aspirin Tablets	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total	48	31	79	1	-	1

The total number of samples taken was 79 and out of this number 42 were milk samples. 31 of the milk samples submitted for analysis were ordinary milk, having an average composition of 3.67% fat and 8.73% solids not fat. The remaining 11 samples were Channel Island Grade, having an average composition of 4.52% fat and 9.07% solids not fat.

The Public Analyst reported that one sample of milk was deficient in milk solids to the extent of 1% but that the freezing point (Hortvet) of this sample did not indicate the presence of added water.

P. G. TREMAIN,

Chief Public Health Inspector.